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H. R. 682

To amend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 to provide for additional weeks of benefits to exhaustees; to modify the AIUR trigger used in determining eligibility for second-tier benefits; and to provide for an extension of the temporary extended unemployment program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Ms. HART, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TIAHRT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF BENEFITS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203 of the Temporary Ex-
3 tended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF BENEFITS.—Notwith-
6 standing any other provision of this section, upon the ex-
7 haustion of all amounts that may be credited to an individ-
8 ual’s account under the preceding provisions of this sec-
9 tion, such account shall be increased by an amount equal
10 to 6 times the individual’s average weekly benefit amount
11 for the benefit year (as determined under subsection
12 (b)(2)), but only if such exhaustion occurs before Decem-
13 ber 29, 2002.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
16 ment of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Com-
17 pensation Act of 2002, except that no amount shall be
18 payable by virtue of such amendment for any week of un-
19 employment ending before the date of the enactment of
20 this Act.

21 **SEC. 2. MODIFIED AIUR TRIGGER FOR SECOND-TIER BENE-**
22 **FITS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 203 of
24 the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation
25 Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
26 lowing:

1 “(3) MODIFIED AIUR.—For purposes of any de-
 2 termination under paragraph (2), rates of insured
 3 unemployment shall be determined in the same man-
 4 ner as would (disregarding this paragraph) other-
 5 wise apply, except that individuals exhausting their
 6 rights to regular compensation during the most re-
 7 cent 3 calendar months for which data are available
 8 before the close of the period for which such rate is
 9 being determined shall be taken into account as if
 10 they were individuals filing claims for regular com-
 11 pensation for each week during the period for which
 12 such rate is being determined.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 14 subsection (a) shall apply for purposes of making any de-
 15 termination which is based on an exhaustion of rights oc-
 16 curring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

18 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 208 of the Temporary Ex-
 19 tended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 is
 20 amended to read as follows:

21 **“SEC. 208. APPLICABILITY.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
 23 (b) or (c), an agreement entered into under this title shall
 24 apply to weeks of unemployment—

1 “(1) beginning after the date on which such
2 agreement is entered into; and

3 “(2) ending before December 28, 2003.

4 “(b) TRANSITION RULE.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
6 and subsection (c), in the case of an individual who
7 has amounts remaining in an account established
8 under section 203 as of December 27, 2003, tem-
9 porary extended unemployment compensation shall
10 continue to be payable to such individual from such
11 amounts for any week beginning after such date for
12 which the individual meets the eligibility require-
13 ments of this title.

14 “(2) END OF SUPPLEMENTATION.—Subsection
15 (c) and (d) of section 203 shall cease to be effective
16 as of December 27, 2003.

17 “(c) SUNSET PROVISION.—Notwithstanding any
18 other provision of this title, no temporary extended unem-
19 ployment compensation shall be payable under this title
20 for any week beginning after March 27, 2004.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect as of the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act or May 31, 2003, whichever is earlier,

- 1 and shall apply to weeks of unemployment beginning after
- 2 that date.

